



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 7, 2014
Thomas C. Passios Building- 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Colleen Shapiro-absent
Brendan Grady-absent
Heather Sroka

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Liz Petersen

Student Representative

Guests

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Gregory Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes:
 - July 16, 2014 Regular Session minutes were approved by the Committee.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – There were no warrants and line item transfers for approval.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Traffic Flow pattern discussion as to rerouting traffic/parent drop-offs at the High School due to construction for the MS/HS building project. Only buses will drive on the High School loop. Parents will drop off at TCP and the students will walk on the crosswalk from TCP to the High School during construction. Old concerns will be addressed as well.
 - Chief Patrick Sullivan from the Fire Department and DPW Director Jack Rodriquez reviewed the project site. Police will be on site the first few days of school to monitor traffic flow. No vehicle traffic will be allowed in front of LHS during bus drop-off and pick-up times. The road will be one way traffic only.
 - Reuse Committee - Superintendent reached out to the MSBA regarding TCP acreage information / lot size concerning the MS/HS building project. Concerns as to the school retaining enough land if a certain size lot is required for the project, and not relinquishing too much acreage to the Town.
 - New Staff reporting August 21st for New Teacher Induction and August 26th for Professional Development.. PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is Tuesday, August 26th.
 - Fall Sports begin August 18th. Schedules will be very tight due to the field space. LYSA will be located in Lancaster.
 - * Student Representative's Report: none noted
 - * School Building Committee Report – Mr. Mackin reported that topsoil was being removed and stored off-site. Powell Stone and Gravel of Lunenburg had the best bid to enable the top soil to be stored off-site. JLA and the Project Supervisor were on-site regarding early logistics. A new personnel addition to JLA has been made for public communication purposes, Inga Knox. There will be a webcam coming soon in order to view the project development. A fence will be constructed around the project for safety purposes. Trailers will also be constructed behind TCP. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 at TCP. A construction kick-off meeting for everyone will be Wednesday, August 13th from 10am – noon.

* Public Comment: None

* New Business:

a. Transitions Program at LHS: Mrs. Hanscom, Special Education Director, discussed how this new program will enable the District to provide social/emotional services in-district as opposed to out of district placements. The program will have a classroom with a special services teacher as well as an Adjustment Counselor or Social Worker. To fund this program the District had an out of district placement return and one student move out of district. The estimated cost for this program is approximately \$132,000. The money available for this program is \$159,000 (bussing was not included in the savings from the out of placements). To make room for this program at LHS, the ACE Program (18-22 year olds) will move to TCP. Mr. Mackin made a motion to accept Superintendent Calmes' recommendations to begin the Transitions Program and hire the two new staff members required at the H.S. Ms. Sroka seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

b. Excess Property – Sports uniforms will be donated to Mid-Wachusett Uniform Drive. Ms. Sroka made a motion to list the Uniforms as Excess Property and to donate them to Mid-Wachusett Uniform Drive. Mr. Mackin seconded. Vote: Unanimous

c. First Reading of Policies – Reviewed School Lunch, CORI and Health and Safety. Mr. Mackin made a motion to waive the reading of the policies. Ms. Sroka seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Postponed the Fingerprinting Policy for the Policy Committee to review again at their next meeting.

d. Donations: Arline Rogers was employed in the ACE /Achieve Program at LHS from 1987 – 2012. Her family graciously offered to have memorial donations given to the Best Buddies Program. The current amount being donated is \$545. Mr. Mackin made a motion to accept this donation. Ms. Sroka seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

* Old Business – none discussed.

* Public Comment – none noted.

* Reports

a. Finance Committee – none discussed.

b. School Councils – none discussed.

c. PTO – Ms. Sroka reported that a board meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 12th to discuss transition of roles.

d. Policy Sub-Committee- none discussed.

e. Capital Planning Committee – none discussed.

f. Wellness Advisory Committee – none discussed.

g. PAC/SAL – none discussed.

h. Acceptance & Diversity Committee: none discussed.

i. Building Re-Use : Mr. Mackin reported concerns about the “Wetlands” - Conservation Commission conducted a walk through and determined that the land in question was not wetland.

* Items for Future Discussion: none discussed.

* Adjournment – Mr. Mackin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Ms. Sroka seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Petersen
Recording Secretary